



March 14, 2022

Dear Riverside Families,

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

~Jane Goodall

This week at Riverside we are making a difference in many ways!

- Dr. Spirko made it possible for Riverside to obtain an AMAZING sensory walk! THANK YOU for all your hard work! We will truly enjoy it!
- Students in Mr. McGovern’s class are leading our morning announcements and providing us with great information about Women’s History during their “Did You Know?” segment.
- Ms. Achampong’s class gave us the “news” during their “What’s the News?!” writing celebration.
- The PHS Choir shared the gift of song with us during their gospel presentation under the direction of Dr. Wise. We even got to see some former Riversiders singing in the choir!
- We are happy to work collaboratively with our PTO to meet our classroom needs while also meeting our sustainability goals with “Buy Nothing Riverside.”

Please take note of the updates and reminders:

Updates:

- **Masking at Riverside:** The past week at Riverside has been great as we moved into our mask optional environment. Students and staff engaged in instruction and learning and social experiences that supported individual choice.
- Our data shows that 75% of the school community has chosen to be unmasked.
- Aside from unmasking, other health and safety protocols remain the same:
 - social distancing--we will continue to have desks 3 ft. apart
 - lunch protocols--this includes Opting out of Eating In, student seating arrangements and the necessity for seating charts
 - daily screening
 - Due to the rainy weather, we held indoor recess with the following health and safety procedures in place:
 - Students that wanted to play games on the floor or with a friend at a table or on their desks, were asked to wear a mask if they were within 3 feet and facing one another.
 - If a student needed a mask, we provided them with one.
 - Students were encouraged to remain at their desks and do an individualized activity, like drawing or using their assigned devices.
 - If the children were sharing game pieces or cards, they used hand sanitizer before and after recess.
 - For more information on COVID-19 testing sites and vaccination clinics please use the link provided. <https://www.princetonnj.gov/999/COVID-19-Testing>
- If your child is having symptoms of COVID-19, OR has a pending PCR test, regardless of vaccination status, please keep them home and report the absence by doing the following:
 - Calling (609) 806-4266 and select Option 4
 - **OR** email Nurse Sarah sarahgooen-chen@princetonk12.org **AND** Rosanna Duran at rosannaduran@princetonk12.org
 - Provide the following information:
 - The first name and last name of your student(s)
 - The grade of your student(s)
 - The reason for the absence
 - A phone number for a follow-up call if necessary
 - **Vaccination Card Upload Instructions:** To keep students safe and to facilitate contact tracing, we ask that parents **upload their student's vaccination card** into our existing Student Information System, PowerSchool after the student's second shot.
- Contact tracing requires PPS nurses to inquire about each student's vaccination status.

- If a student is named a "close contact," the student will not need to quarantine or miss school if they are in fact vaccinated.

PPS will maintain student confidentiality. Only staff directly involved in contact tracing will have access to vaccination status.

Please see the directions below which are provided in both English and Spanish.

[English Instructions](#)

[En Español](#)

SAVE THE DATES:

- March 15–Sip and Socialize with Staff: 3 p.m. Riverside playground
- March 21--Down Syndrome Awareness Day: **ROCK YOUR SOCKS!**
- March 25--Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day: Wear green
- March 28--April 4--Autism Awareness Week
- Friday, April 1: Wear Blue
- April 25--April 29: Book Fair
- *April 28–Heritage Night--5 p.m.-8 p.m. *this date has changed from last week*
- May 13–Spring Fling– 5 p.m.-8 p.m.
- Science Day Activities:
 - Monday, May 16–Assembly
 - Tuesday May 17–Science Day (*May 19 rain date*)
- June 14 at 11 a.m.–Grade 5 Moving Up Ceremony
- June 15 Field Day (*June 16 rain date*)

Reminders:

- If you are sending in birthday treats for your student please remember, food items will not be eaten in the building, but will be sent home with students provided they are:
 - Store bought.
 - Individually packaged and sealed.
 - The ingredients list is legible and firmly attached to the package.
- Morning Arrival, Car Line and Parking: Please be mindful of the morning arrival procedures for parking and the carline to ensure the safety of all at Riverside. These items include but are not limited to:
 - Please stay with your car while in the car line. Leaving the car unattended in the car line stops the flow and backs up traffic. This includes at the end of the car line near the garden.

- Please park on Riverside Dr. and walk your students to the school, this includes the PreK and Kindergarten doors. Please do not use the staff parking lot.
- Please be mindful of driving speed.
- Please pull all the way up to the green cones before letting your student out the car.
- Please do not park between the signs on Prospect Ave. This is the designated bus area.

PHS Spring Girls Lacrosse Clinic



Sunday April 24, 2022

10am-12pm - PHS Turf Field

(Guyot Street between Moore St and Walnut Lane)

Kindergarten - 8th Grade

Cost: \$35

@howardengelhart on Venmo or Payal



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PayPal

Sign up today

<https://forms.gle/ZKiM4JGpr2NUvmgX6>

We are looking forward to an awesome week at Riverside!
Kindly,
Ebony Lattimer, Principal